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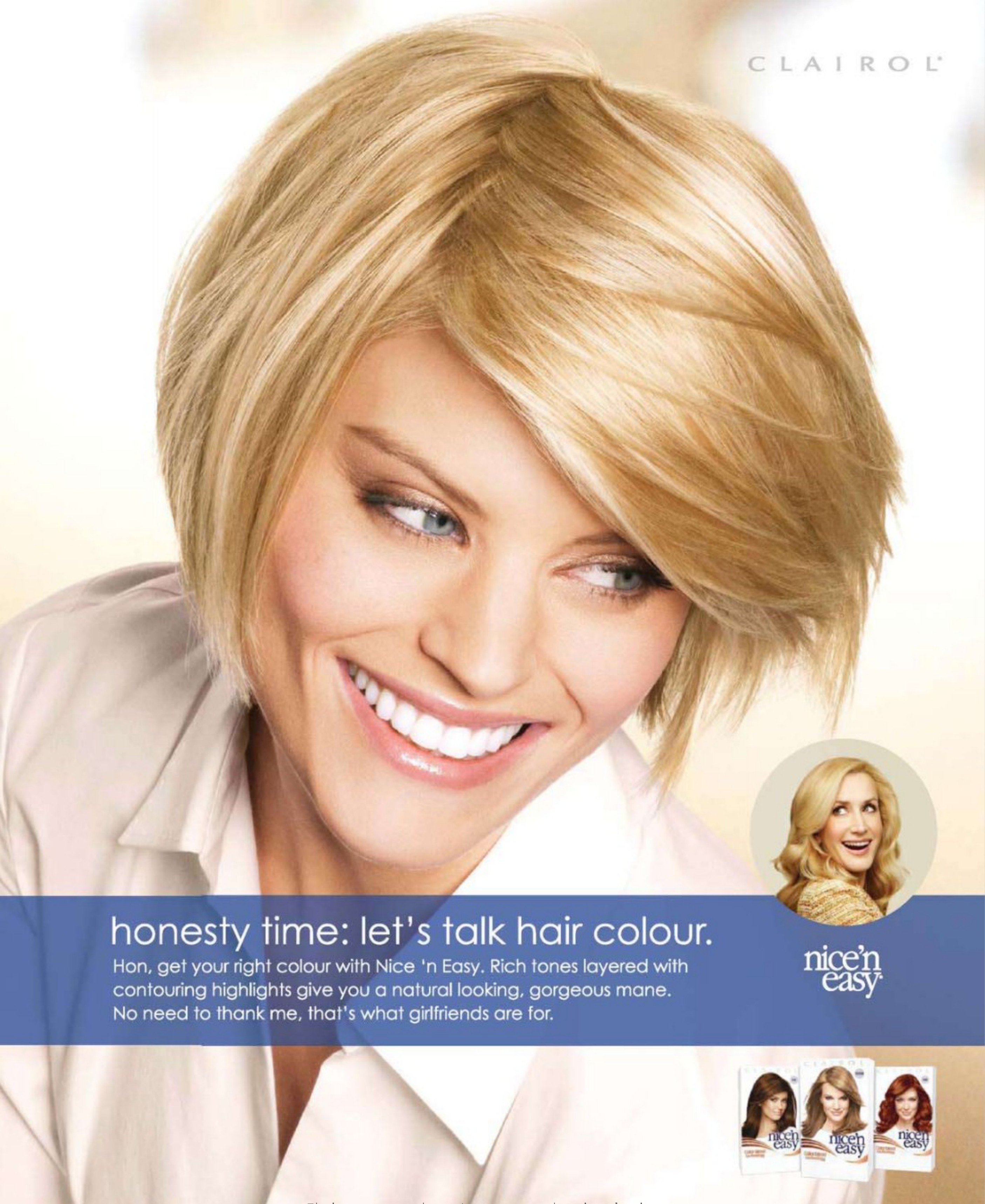
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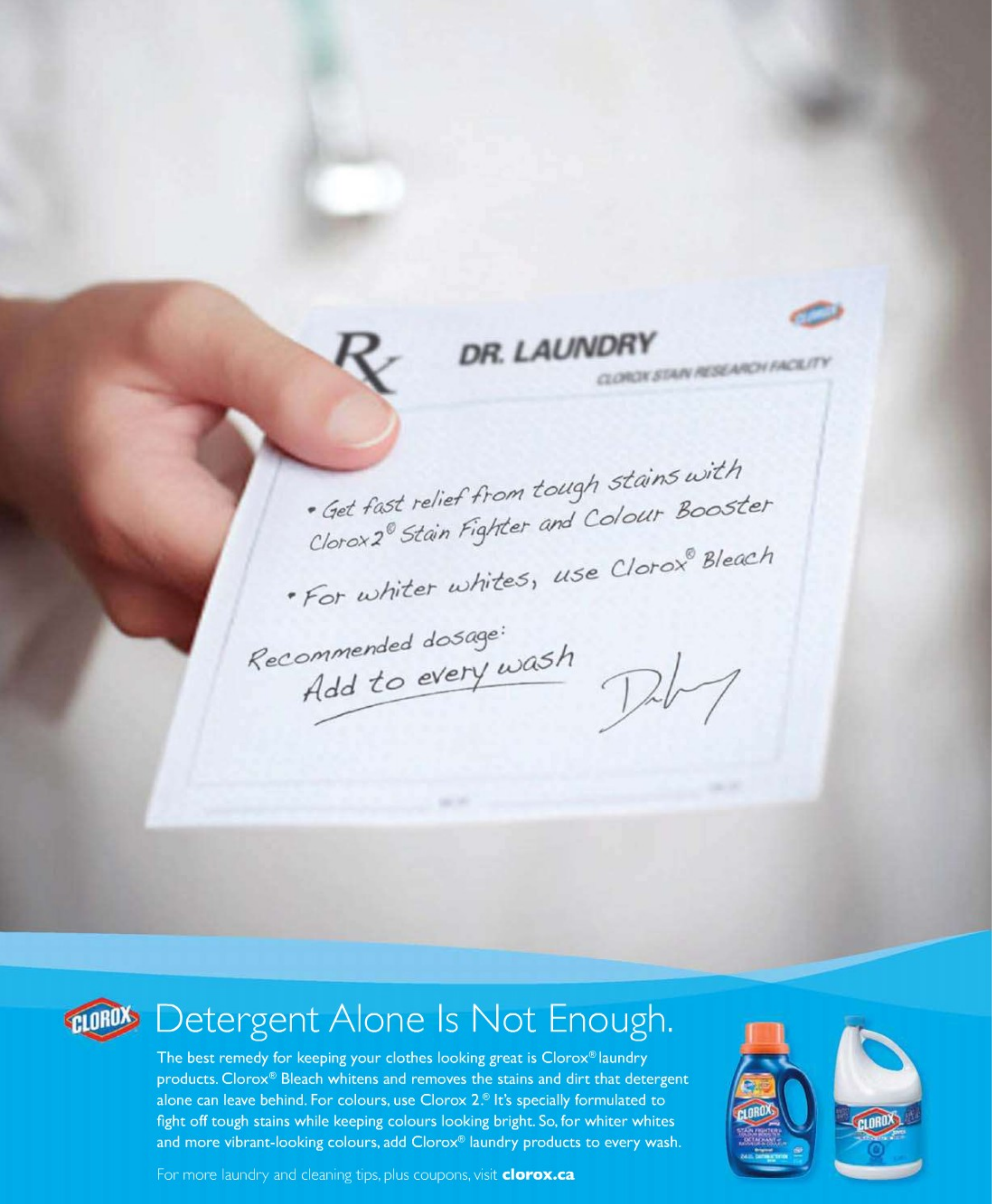

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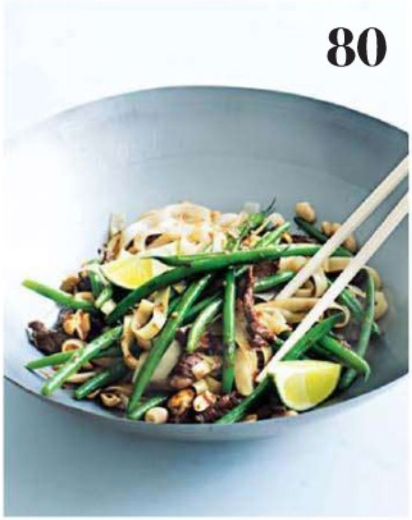




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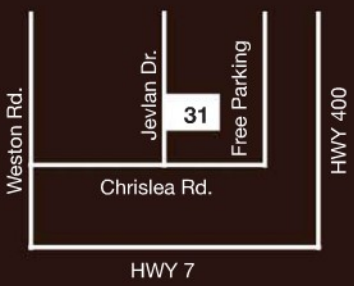
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Helping you create that sanctuary is where we come in: throughout the pages of our Bed & Bath special, you'll find inspiration for the space of your dreams – whether it be soft and romantic or minimalist and modern. Pore over the 19 gorgeous retreats featured in Rooms We Love (page 31) and "Top 5 Bathroom Trends for 2010" (page 57), plus the many other inviting spaces that appear in these pages.

Let the dreaming begin!

A FOND **FAREWELL**

As some of you might have heard already, our most recent editor, Jane Francisco, was named editor of *Chatelaine* magazine late last year. While she was only with us a brief time, her influence on these pages was substantial. We greatly enjoyed working with her, and she will be missed.

WHAT'S NEW...



ON THE RISE Fresh, flowery tile patterns are popping up everywhere. **P 60**

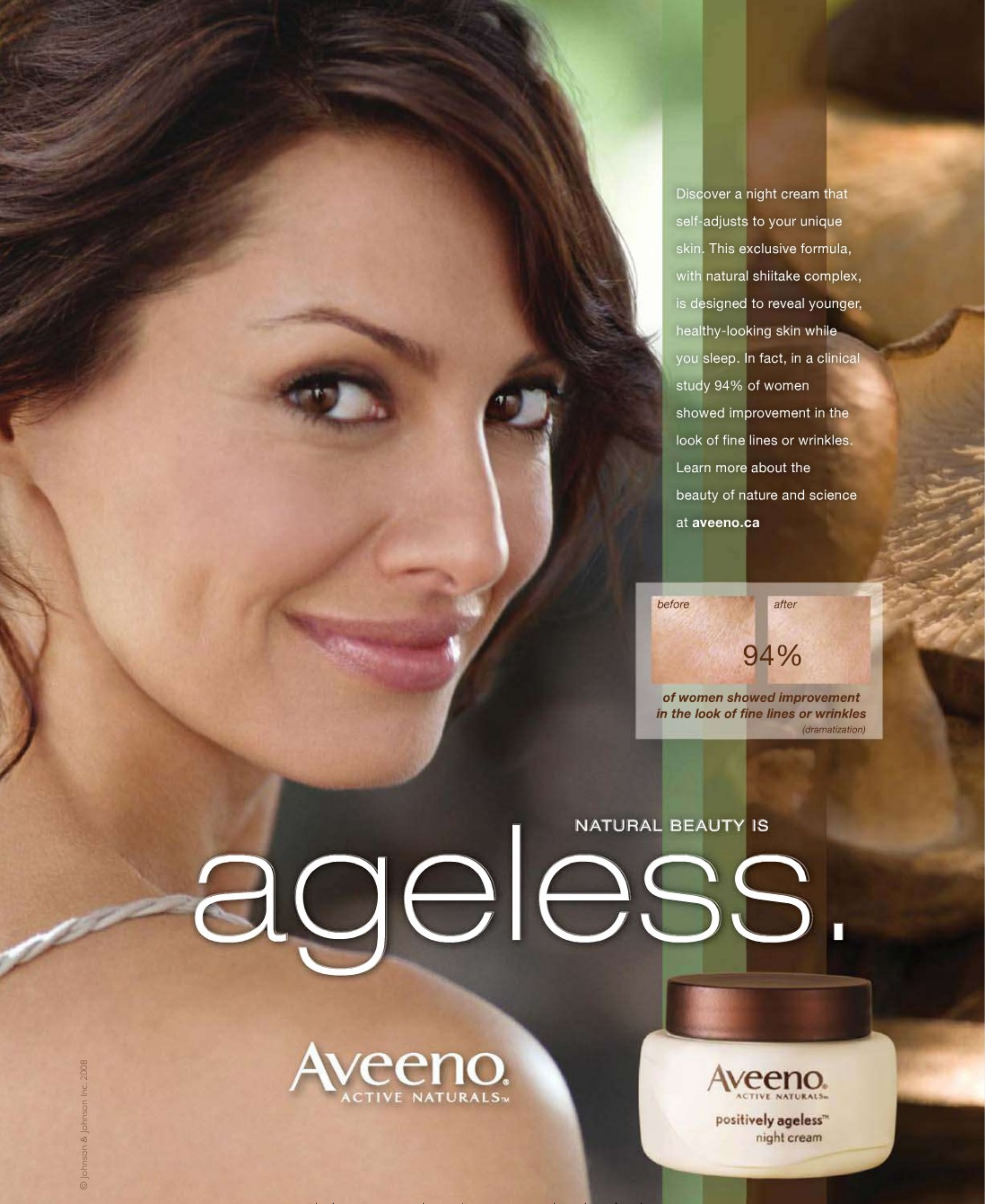


SHIMMER + SHINE Glam new looks for old silver, all through the house. **P 44**



DIY SAVVY A design duo put their on-the-job skills to work in their city flat. **P 104**

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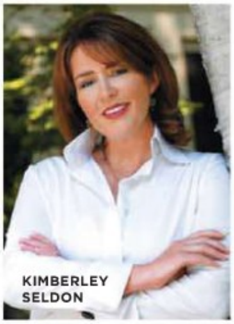
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Contributing style editor **Karl Lohnes** discusses multipurpose furniture pieces that every house needs during *All About Style* with Marilyn Dennis on 104.5 CHUM FM, Jan. 28. You can also listen online at chumfm.com.

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Decor, trends, food, technology and more – we bring you the latest and greatest inspirations



pretty in pique

A fanciful shell crafted from cut china, tile and stained glass — assembled in an art known as *pique assiette* — elevates ordinary furniture into a mosaic masterpiece. Manufactured from scratch in Mosaicwares' Toronto studio, down to the solid maple frame, this table is an appropriately romantic testament to the passion that drives Canadian artisans.

FRENCH BEDSIDE TABLE
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Meet the duo behind Mosaicwares, **P 111**

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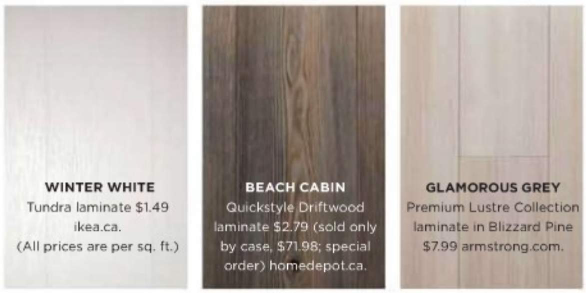
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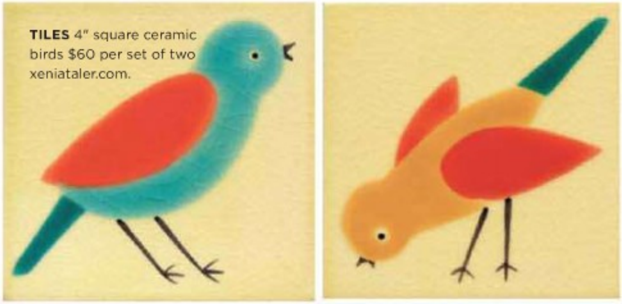
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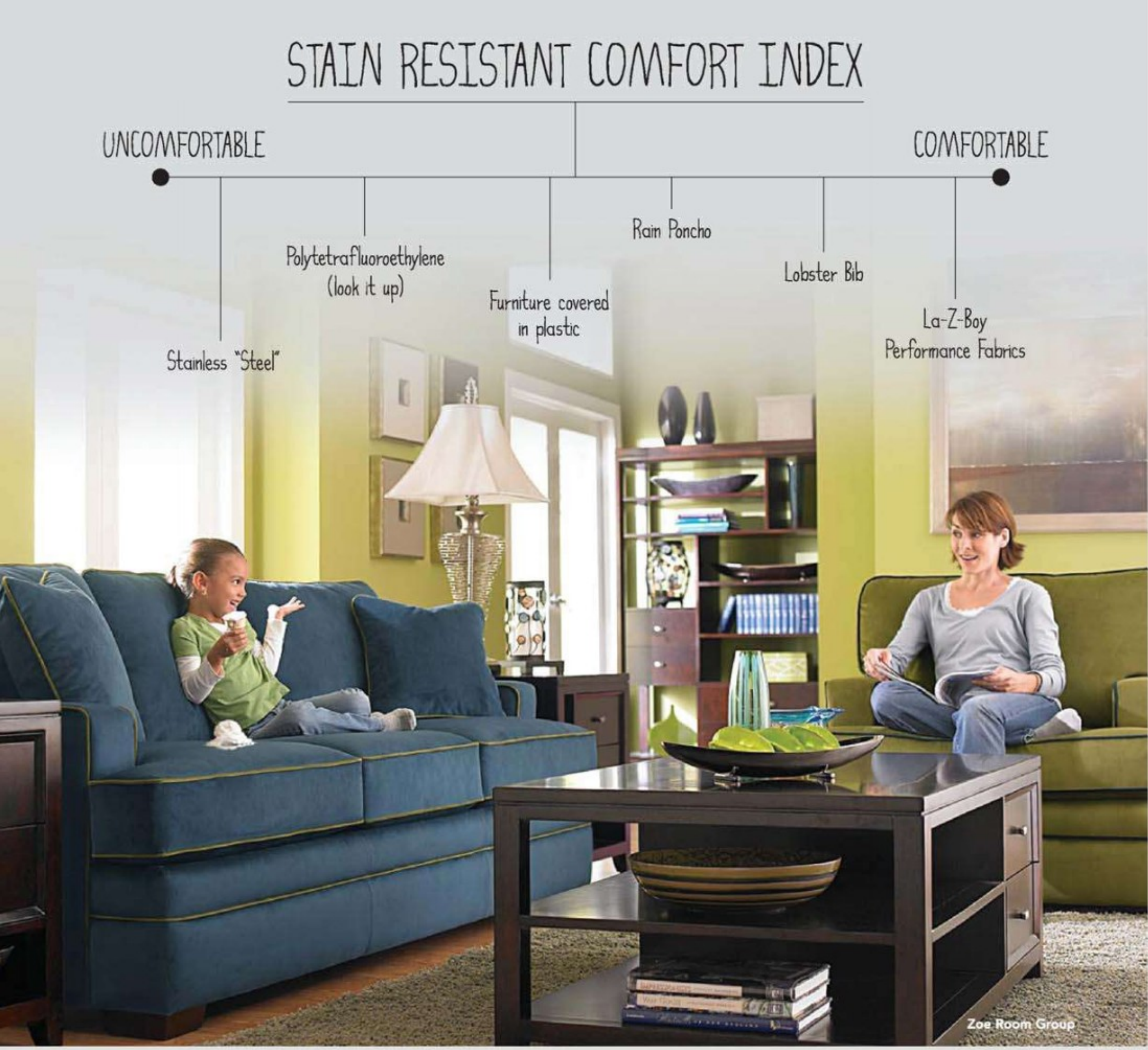
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TABLE LAMP artemide.ca. **PENDANT LIGHT** modernliving.ca. **BED DRAPERY PANELS** ikea.ca. **MIRROR** Shiraleah 866-503-9765.

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Learn how to create this four-poster, **P 109**

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wall art Create a pretty display of platters and trays using plate hangers.

PAINT Pavilion Gray 242 (wall, desk) farrow-ball.com. **CHAIR** elte.com. **DESK** ChairTableLamp 416-934-1021. **DRAPERY** restorationhardware.com.



dressing table storage Stow cosmetics and jewelry in relish and pickle dishes and small trays. Corral makeup brushes in a julep cup.

BRACELETS absolutelyinc.com. **COSMETICS** joe.ca. **WALLPAPER** Tiara in Rosewater kravetcanada.com.



posy holder Arrange small bouquets in cream and sugar sets. Tie on a tag and use as a place marker or hostess gift.

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CRIB Gulliver convertible $140 (includes daybed conversion kit) and **MATTRESS** Sultana Blunda $60 ikea.ca. **CAT** (in crib) Blabla stripe knit $55 ellaandelliot.com. **SHEEP** (in bin) plush $18 Candym Enterprises 800-263-3555. **BLANKET** (on chair) white microfibre $10 babiesrus.ca. **CRIB SET** GlucksteinHome blanket, fitted sheet and crib skirt $200 (includes bumper and extra fitted sheet, not shown) hbc.com. **MOBILE** Flensted Mobiles plastic sheep $30 Euro Design Canada 866-932-0261. **CHILD'S CHAIR** Louis XVI-style with wool back and cotton seat $275 chatelethome.com. **BABY BLANKET** Especially for Baby blue stripe cotton $25 babiesrus.ca. **RABBIT** plush $30 chapters.indigo.ca. **BIN** canvas $84 ellaandelliot.com. **LAMB** (on chair) plush $22, **ELEPHANT** (in bin) plush $25 and **BIRD** (in bin) Lilli plush $12 Candym Enterprises 800-263-3555. **DRAPES** Peyton satin-lined linen/cotton in Oatmeal $99 per 50" x 84" panel potterybarn.ca. **WALLPAPER** Blue Mountain Wallcoverings BC1581069 $29 per roll designbycolor.net. **COWHIDE** $299 homesense.ca. @

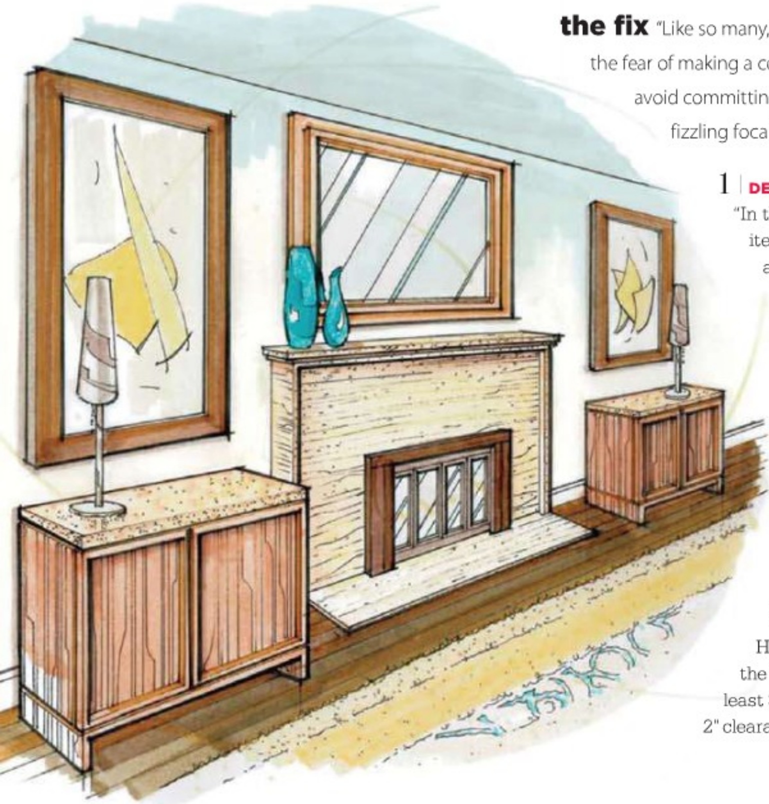
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room to improve

Contributing decorating editor Kimberley Seldon helps a *Style at Home* reader unleash her hearth's hidden potential



the problem Amy Fonseca of Vancouver isn't feeling the heat from her drab fireplace. "I'm looking for an inexpensive way to make my hearth stunning," she says. Although Amy has ruled out making permanent changes to the shallow hearth and its surroundings – she and her husband don't own their current digs – she has attempted to add some warmth with a few accessories, but worries they're too small.



the fix "Like so many," says Kimberley, "Amy suffers from a common design phobia: the fear of making a commitment. By purchasing small items, we psychologically avoid committing to the task at hand." That task – to put the fire back into this fizzling focal point – is a cinch with Kimberley's three-step styling strategy.

1 | DECLUTTER

"In this case, less is more," says Kimberley. "Display only a few items whose scale and impact harmonize with the massive appearance of the fireplace." The vignette gains a modern edge with a pair of '60s-style organic-shape vases in a high-impact hue, placed on one side of the mantel.

2 | DOUBLE UP

Although Kimberley loves Amy's red occasional chairs, they're lacking visual weight. "Instead, flank the mantel with a pair of chests topped by large-scale artwork and lamps to reinforce the symmetry," Kimberley suggests. "You could also place a large decorative bowl or books atop each chest." Keep the chests lower than the mantel to avoid stealing the spotlight from the hearth.

3 | ADD A MIRROR

Hanging a large mirror directly above the hearth completes the focal point. Kimberley advises mounting it at least 3" below the ceiling, with a 2" clearance above the mantel. @



KIMBERLEY SELDON, *STYLE AT HOME* CONTRIBUTING DECORATING EDITOR

FOR MORE TIPS Watch Kimberley on *CityLine* cityline.ca. **DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT?** Send Kimberley your design dilemmas at askus@styleathome.com, or Ask Us, Style at Home, 25 Sheppard Ave. W., Toronto, Ont., M2N 6S7. Send brief letters with contact info and the highest-resolution photos possible. (Kimberley can't respond personally or return items.)

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sporty chic bedroom

the space 10-year-old Madeleine's bedroom and craft centre.

the challenge Make over the cramped, "babyish" space to echo the look of a girl's bedroom Madeleine saw in *Style at Home*.

the result A fresh, hip palette of bold green and crisp white, plus plenty of storage and new furniture that will grow with Madeleine.

WORDS SAMANTHA PYNN, HOST OF HGTV'S *PURE DESIGN*



PLAY WITH PATTERN Madeleine loves polka-dots, which add punch to the fresh palette she chose. Use inexpensive canvases to paint wall art featuring your child's favourite motif and colour.

HEADBOARD FABRIC organic cotton, through designers, robertallendesign.com. **UPHOLSTERY** JVM Interiors 905-475-7008. **DUVET COVER, TABLE** ikea.ca. **SHEETS, PILLOWCASES** homesense.ca. **LAMPSHADE** potterybarn.ca. **CUSHION, CROCHETED DOG** ellaandelliot.com. **CANVASES, CRAFT PAINT** deserres.ca. →

PHOTOGRAPHY VIRGINIA MACDONALD, JOHN QUEENAN (BEFORE), **STYLING** MALCOLM PATTERSON


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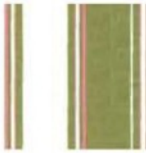
TIMELESS FURNISHINGS Select pieces that will take your tween to teen and even adulthood, like this white wardrobe and the neutral carpet. They can look entirely different in a room painted grey, blue or lavender. And the fuchsia ribbon, chosen to match Madeleine's beanbag chair, can easily be removed from the drapes.

BEANBAG CHAIR beanproducts.com. **WARDROBE, MIRROR** ikea.ca.

THE PALETTE



PAINT
Stem Green 2029-40
benjaminmoore.ca



FABRIC
Wide Lanes in Leaf, through designers, robertallendesign.com



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LOW SHELVES Shop for versatile furniture. We turned IKEA's Lack shelving units on their side to take advantage of the space beneath the window. The cubbies are perfect for Madeleine's soccer balls, while the colourful fabric baskets hold keepsakes.

SHELVING ikea.ca. **BEADED ANIMALS** Monkeybiz eatmywords.org. **BALLS** walmart.ca. **BASKETS** ellaandelliot.com. **MIRROR** mosaicworks.ca. **CHANDELIER** homedepot.ca. →



ILLUSTRATION SCOTT ROGERS





CRAFTS CENTRE Dollar-store glass containers keep Madeleine's beloved bead collection organized. Good-looking storage that's easy to access makes working at her desk a positive experience when it comes to hobbies and homework.

CHAIR unionlf.com. **FLOORING** Best Buy Bamboo and **CARPET** Bigelow Prestige Darcy wool carpetone.com. **DRAPERY** ikea.ca. **ALTERATIONS** Luxe 416-463-0215. **BLINDS** hunterdouglas.ca.

SAM'S ECO PICKS

no-waste beanbag chair

Unlike the beanbag chairs of the '70s, Madeleine's personalized hot pink chair doesn't have a single bean or PVC pellet. *Pure Design* eco expert Julia Black sourced one from a company with a "no waste" philosophy – it's made using recycled upholstery foam scraps.

latex upholstery

Reupholster a headboard using latex foam. Latex is tapped from rubber trees the same way that sap is tapped from maples. It's a rapidly renewing resource, not to mention mildew-proof and dust-mite resistant.

recycled door

Save money by shopping for salvaged building materials. Carpenter Christian Pavey found a solid-core door for only $5 at a Habitat for Humanity ReStore (habitat.ca) and transformed it into a Parsons-style desk.

SAMANTHA PYNN, HOST OF HGTV'S *PURE DESIGN* + *STYLE AT HOME* CONTRIBUTING DESIGN EDITOR

ABOUT PURE DESIGN We take a green approach to decorating. My team and I transform everyday rooms into sustainable living spaces with tons of personality. **MY METHOD** Rethink what you have, buy vintage, and research green products to make the best choices for you and your family. **CHECK OUT OUR MAKEOVERS** on HGTV Tuesdays at 9 p.m. ET/10 p.m. PT. For more of my style tips and complete sources, visit hgtv.ca/puredesign.



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top 5 bathroom trends *for* 2010

Planning a full reno or just a quick coat of paint and a new mirror? We have the latest bathroom looks for you

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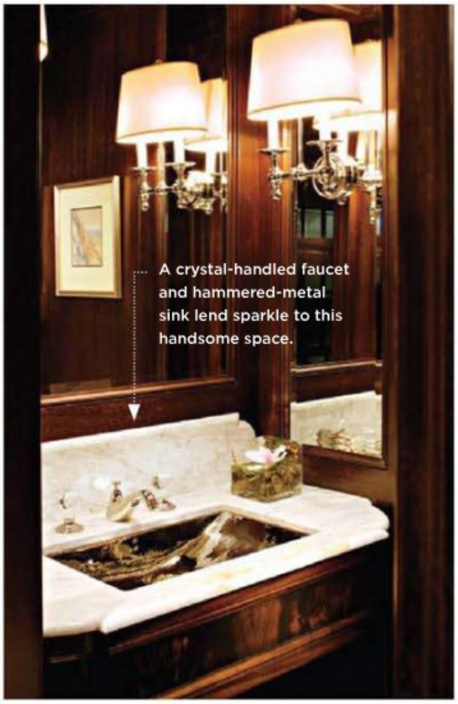
- **statement lighting**
- Venetian, gilt or mahogany mirrors
- **crystal-handled faucets**
- bold paint colours
- **artwork**
- accent furniture

This space, from the book *Speed Decorating* by Jill Vegas (Taunton, 2009), is a beautiful example of how to use vintage finds to decorate the bath.

PHOTOGRAPHY MICHAEL GRIMM FROM *SPEED DECORATING* BY JILL VEGAS (TAUNTON, 2009)



Nothing packs a punch like glossy red paint. Try Lyons Red CC-68 by Benjamin Moore.



A crystal-handled faucet and hammered-metal sink lend sparkle to this handsome space.



So pretty and posh – a Venetian mirror adds panache to a standard bath.

THE decorated bathroom

1

No longer an underdecorated utilitarian zone, the bathroom is the latest space in which you can express your personal style – with pattern, colour, texture and accessories. The best news about this trend: you can make a big impact in a small area without busting your budget. →

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: PHOTOGRAPHY ERIC LAIGNEL, **INTERIOR DESIGN** SARA STORY, **PAINT** BENJAMINMOORE.CA. **INTERIOR DESIGN** MCGILL DESIGN GROUP. **PHOTOGRAPHY** MARK BURSTYN, **INTERIOR DESIGN** COZ DESIGN



TILE INSPIRATION

Search out ideas on these stellar sites.

annsacks.com

bisazza.com

edgewaterstudio.com (It's Canadian!)

sicis.it

waterworks.com

Blossoming cherry branches say spring and offer a pretty view from the shower or tub.

INTERIOR DESIGN SHETTER PALEVSKY INTERIORS. **TILE** ANNSACKS.COM. **TUB** KOHLER.COM. **SHOWERHEAD** BOFFI.COM. **SHOWER MIXER** DORNBRACHT.COM



A tree-motif mosaic provides an organic backdrop to Bill Sofield's angular Jeton vanity for Kallista.

THE 2 new-style tile

Mosaic tile treatments take a walk on the wild side with blossoming botanicals, trippy geometrics and overscale damask patterns. Floors inset with bordered mosaics mimic the look of carpet and have the fringe benefit of being less slippery. →



Don't think a floor can be a work of art? Think again!

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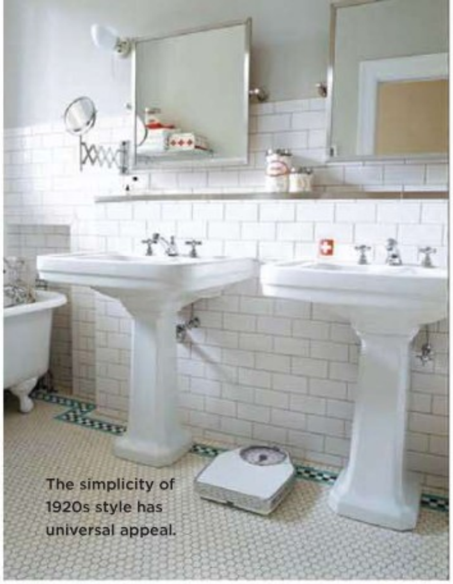


THE petite sink 3

Downsizing, condo living and a renewed interest in creating the perfect powder room have revived affection for teeny-tiny wash basins – wall-mounted ones, in particular. These zero-footprint beauties work well with similarly trim single-lever, touch-less or wall-mount faucets.

Don't be afraid of a deep colour in a small space. Try Beauti-Tone Shadow Lands 5Q3-7 for a similar shade.

PHOTOGRAPHY STACEY BRANDFORD. **INTERIOR DESIGN** NATALIE HODGINS, SARAH RICHARDSON DESIGN. **SINK** TAPS.COM. **FAUCET** BRIZO.COM. **MIRROR** BELLEEPOQUE.CA. **FRAMES** IKEA.CA



The simplicity of 1920s style has universal appeal.



A classic claw-foot and marble floor bring five-star style home.

GET THE LOOK

- **hexagonal and subway tile**
- Carrara marble
- **pedestal and console sinks**
- antique furniture
- **black and white**
- claw-foot tub
- **beadboard panelling**



Aqua accents bring this bathroom into the now.

For more aqua accessories, **P 68**

THE classical revival 4

Bathroom design is borrowing a page from the history books. Victorian, belle époque, Edwardian and art deco styles provide inspiration for seamless renos of period homes and add vintage flair to a new space. Timeless designs are a sound investment – they won't go out of style and will likely appeal to most buyers. →

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THE ultimate bath 5

A dream master bath ranks high on the wish lists of renovators and new-home builders alike. In-floor heating, fireplaces and a great view from the tub are big. Some floor plans consist of one large space subdivided with partitions for privacy, while others are separate full bathrooms customized for him and her. For those who want to indulge their inner sybarite, designers are thinking in pairs – from dual rain showerheads and vanities to toilets and TVs! @



A spacious shower features a luxe rain showerhead and adjustable hand-held attachment.



Exotic wood grain adds warmth and pattern. The centre section cleverly conceals storage.

The toilet is tucked behind a frosted-glass enclosure.

For three top faucets, tiles and toilets, **P 111**

BUZZWORD

AGING IN PLACE

It means creating a bathroom that's accessible to people of all ages and degrees of mobility. Universal design products, like lever-handle faucets, higher toilets and grab bars, allow owners to stay at home longer, without compromising design.

INTERIOR DESIGN CECCONI SIMONE. **TUB, TOILET, SHOWER TRAY** PHILIPPE STARCK DURAVIT.COM. **TILE** STONE-TILE.COM. **CABINETRY** MERCURYWOOD.COM. **FAUCETS, SHOWERHEAD** CABANOBATH.COM



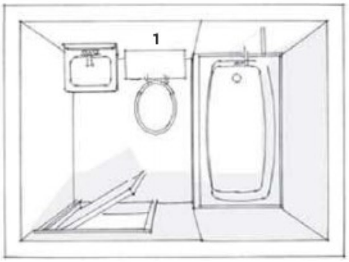
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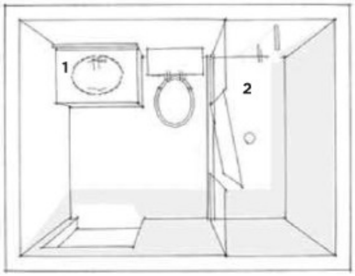
master plans

3 bathroom sizes x 3 ingenious layouts = 9 spectacular solutions for every dilemma!

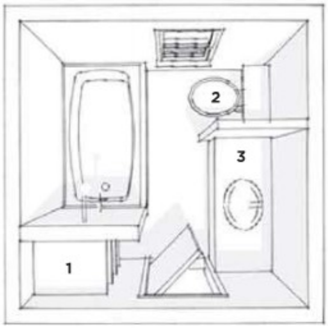
SMALL & SMART (35-50 SQ. FT.)



BEAUTIFULLY BASIC 5′ x 7′
1 plumbing along one wall = reduced costs

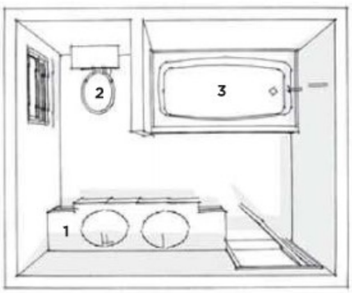


NOT A TUB PERSON? 6′ x 8′
1 vanity with storage **2** roomy shower

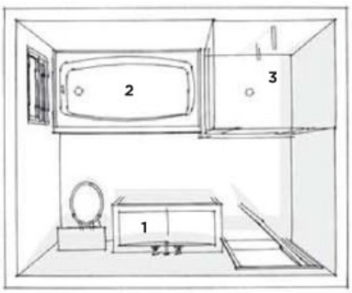


A BIT OF EVERYTHING 7′ x 7′
1 linen storage **2** semi-private WC **3** large vanity with counter space and additional storage

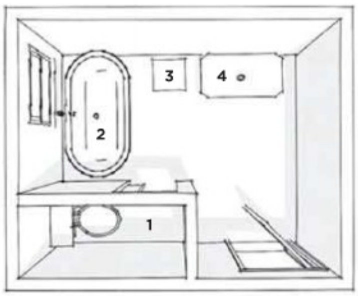
MEDIUM MIX 8′ X 10′ (80 SQ. FT.)



BUILT FOR TWO
1 double vanity with lots of storage **2** semi-private WC **3** shower and tub combo

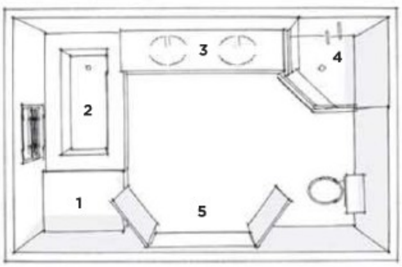


MULTITASKER
1 sleek console wash basin **2** separate bathtub **3** separate shower

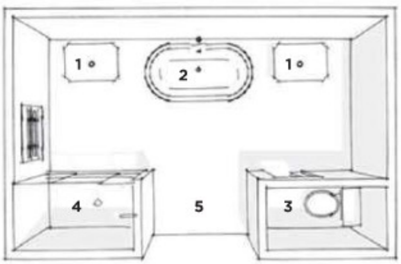


NOT A SHOWER PERSON?
1 private WC **2** freestanding soaker tub **3** room for small seat **4** vintage-style sink

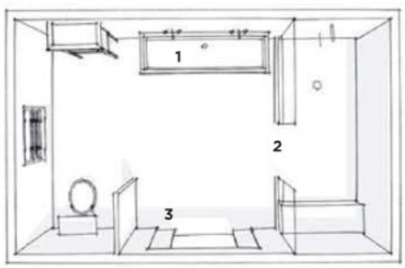
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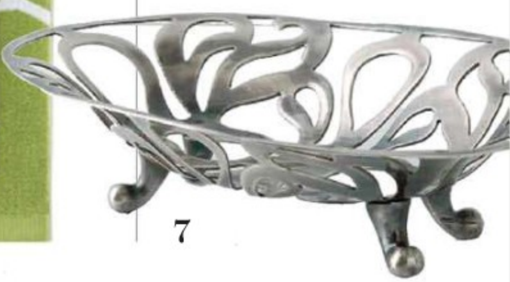
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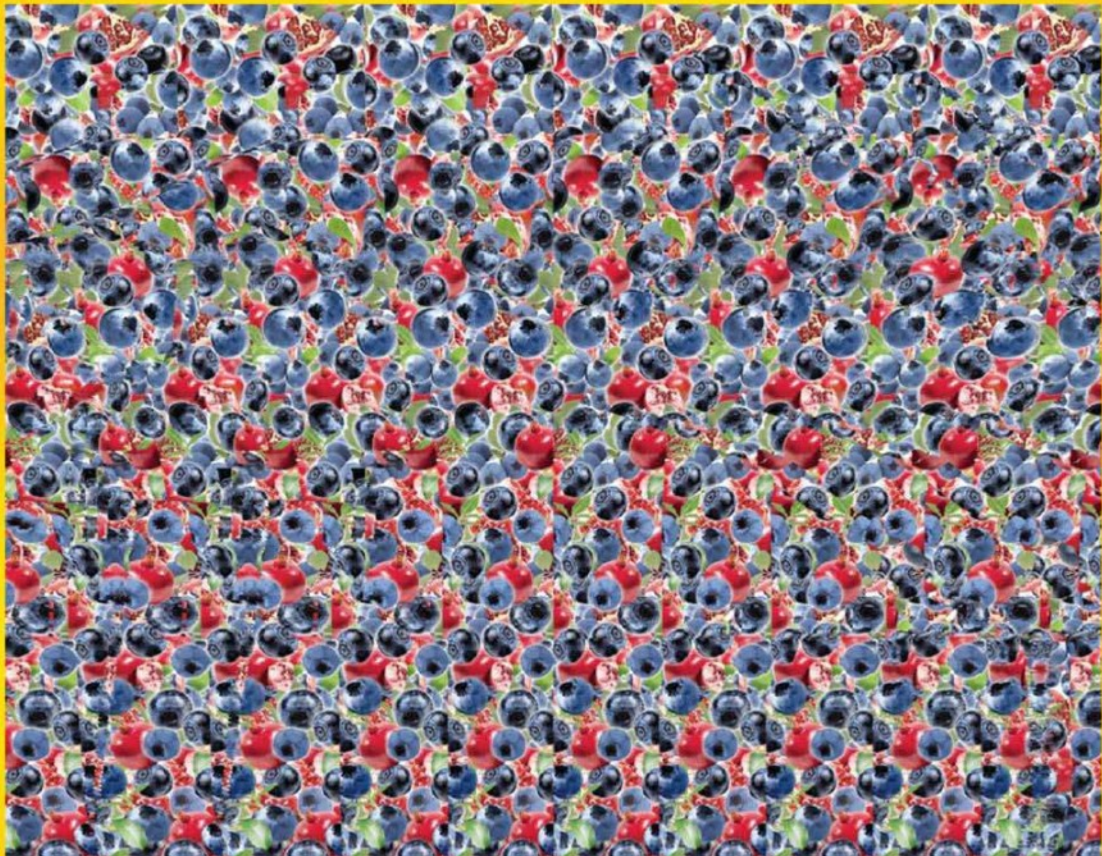
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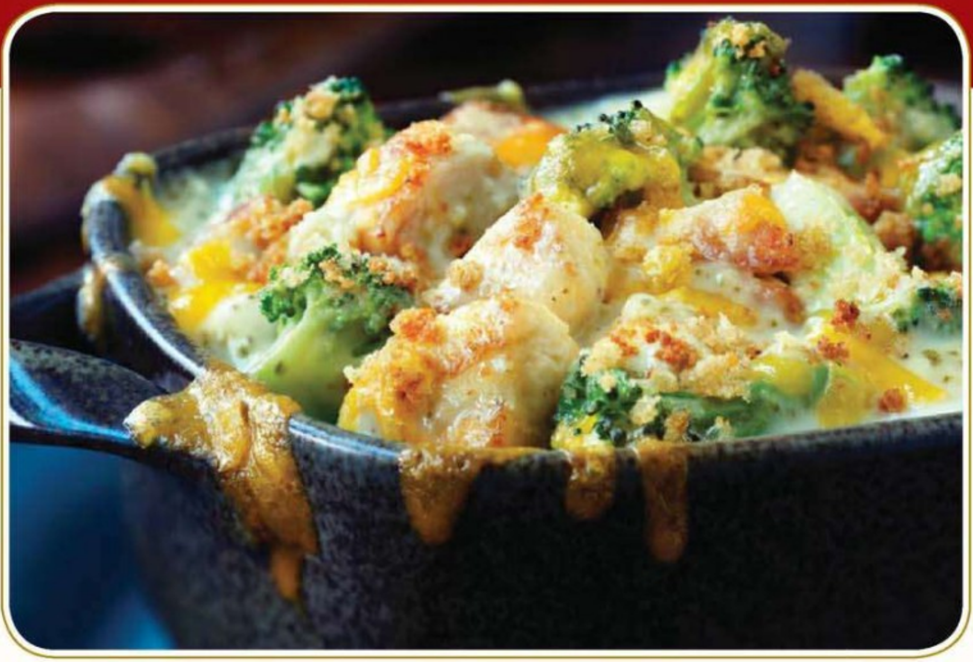


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3 cups	uncooked tri-coloured fusilli



1. Arrange broccoli and chicken in 1½ qt (1.5 L) baking dish. Pour in mixture of soup and milk. Sprinkle with cheese. Top with mixture of bread crumbs and margarine.

2. Bake at 425°F (220°C) until heated through – about 25 minutes.

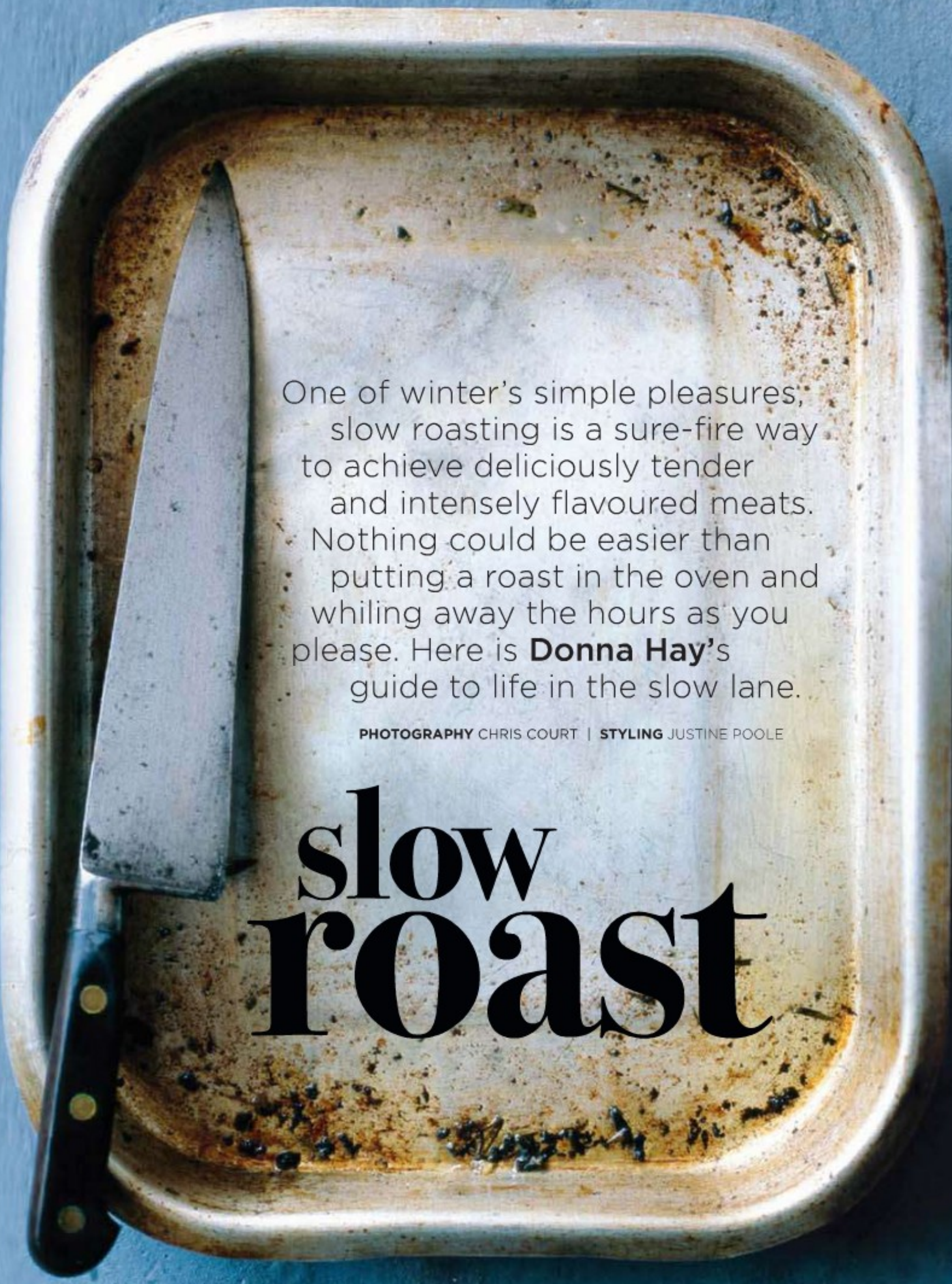
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One of winter's simple pleasures, slow roasting is a sure-fire way to achieve deliciously tender and intensely flavoured meats. Nothing could be easier than putting a roast in the oven and whiling away the hours as you please. Here is **Donna Hay'**s guide to life in the slow lane.

PHOTOGRAPHY CHRIS COURT | **STYLING** JUSTINE POOLE

slow roast

RECIPES STEVE PEARCE + JUSTINE POOLE. **PROPS STYLING** LUCY WEIGHT



ROSEMARY-TIED LAMB SHOULDER
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mustard roast beef

2 tsp (10 mL) mustard seeds
1 tsp (5 mL) sea salt flakes
1 tsp (5 mL) cracked black pepper
1 tbsp (15 mL) thyme leaves
¼ cup (60 mL) olive oil, plus 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra
3 lb (1.5 kg) rib premium oven roast

Preheat oven to 250°F (120°C). Place the mustard seeds, salt, pepper and thyme in a mortar and pestle and pound until lightly crushed. Add the oil and pound until combined. Set aside.

Brush the beef with the extra oil. Heat a large nonstick frying pan over high heat and cook the beef for 1-2 minutes per side or until browned. Remove from the pan. Secure with kitchen string and rub the mustard mixture over the beef. Place on a rack in a baking dish and roast for 1½ hours for medium rare. **SERVES 4–6**

TIP *After roasting, cover the meat with foil and allow it to rest in a warm place for at least 10 minutes.* →



BENEFITS OF TAKING IT SLOW

Slow cooking at a lower temperature allows the proteins in meat to break down and results in a meltingly tender roast. It also helps concentrate flavour, partly through the caramelization of the skin – in the case of chicken – or the marinade on a beef or lamb roast. Regular basting keeps the roast juicy. What's more, there's very little preparation involved; a simple marinade or spice rub will do the trick.

BEEF ROAST
Tie a traditional beef roast with kitchen string to keep its shape. Browning the meat in a frying pan before transferring it to the oven boosts flavour. Slow-roast for 30 minutes per 1 lb (500 g) to yield an even medium-rare result.

LAMB SHOULDER
With the bone in, this is a brilliant cut for long, slow roasting. When done, the meat should literally fall off the bone. Shoulder can also be bought boned, rolled or stuffed – a lovely alternative to the traditional lamb leg.

CHICKEN
If you've never slow-roasted a bird, you'll be surprised by the juicy result. Covering the chicken in foil will prevent it from drying out, as will the addition of stock and wine to the pan. A final blast of heat will give you a crisp skin.

rosemary-tied lamb shoulder

8 sprigs rosemary
2 cloves garlic
sea salt
¼ cup (60 mL) olive oil
3½ lb (1.6 kg) lamb shoulder, bone in

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Remove the leaves from 4 of the rosemary stalks and place in a mortar and pestle with the garlic and salt. Pound until lightly crushed. Add the olive oil and pound until combined. Rub some of the oil over the lamb shoulder, top with remaining rosemary sprigs and secure the shank with kitchen string.

Place on a rack in a baking dish and roast for 30 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 325°F (160°C). Turn the lamb fat side down and roast for 1 hour. Turn again and roast for another 1 hour or until the meat shreds easily off the bone. Serve with remaining rosemary oil. **SERVES 4-6**

thyme + garlic roasted chicken

3½ lb (1.6 kg) whole chicken
2 lemons, quartered
2 heads garlic, halved
8 sprigs thyme
2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
sea salt flakes
½ cup (125 mL) chicken stock
½ cup (125 mL) white wine

Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C). Wash and pat the chicken dry. Place 1 lemon in the cavity of the chicken and tie the legs with kitchen string to secure. Place the garlic, thyme and remaining lemon in a baking dish and top with the chicken. Brush with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Pour in the stock and wine and cover with foil.

Roast for 2 hours. Remove the foil from the chicken, increase the temperature to 400°F (200°C) and roast for another 25 minutes or until the skin is golden and the juices run clear when tested with a skewer. **SERVES 4-6** @



DONNA HAY, FOOD EDITOR

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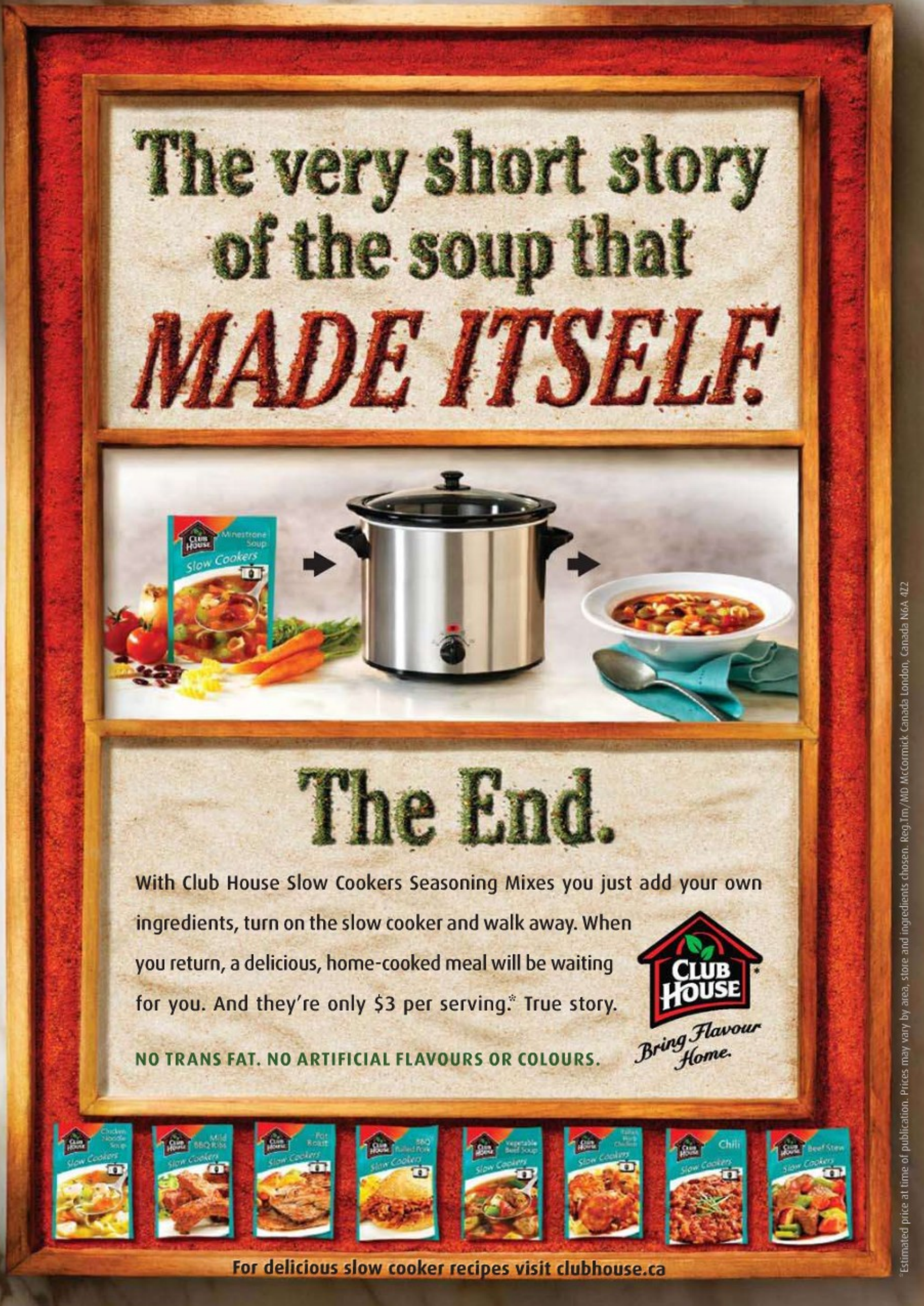
Donna Hay's fresh quickies for every night of the week



1 | **LEMON + PARSLEY FISH**

RECIPES JUSTINE POOLE + STEVE PEARCE

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VEGETABLE + COUSCOUS SALAD | 2



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5 | SALT + PEPPER CHICKEN

1 | lemon + parsley fish

Combine a couple of tablespoons of finely grated lemon rind with a ¼ cup (60 mL) chopped flat-leaf parsley, sea salt and cracked black pepper. Melt butter in a hot frying pan and cook firm white fish fillets until cooked through. Add the lemon mixture and a squeeze of lemon juice to serve.

2 | vegetable + couscous salad

Toss 2 cups (500 mL) cooked couscous with store-bought marinated eggplant, bell pepper, mushrooms, artichokes and halved roasted cherry tomatoes. Top with slices of feta or goat's cheese, chopped fresh chives and a squeeze of lemon juice.

3 | chili beef noodles

Combine 7 oz (200 g) thinly sliced fast-fry steak with dried chili flakes, finely grated lime rind, ⅓ cup (75 mL) soy sauce and 2 tbsp (30 mL) brown sugar. Fry the beef with peanut oil in a hot wok, add 7 oz (200 g) thick rice noodles, a handful of green beans, ½ cup (125 mL) chopped roasted peanuts and combine.

4 | mint lamb

Melt ½ cup (125 mL) of mint jelly in a saucepan and brush over lamb cutlets with sea salt and cracked black pepper. Cook in a hot frying pan or barbecue until cooked to your liking. Serve with steamed new potatoes tossed with olive oil and torn mint or flat-leaf parsley.

5 | salt + pepper chicken

Combine 1 tbsp (15 mL) each of sea salt flakes and cracked black pepper and ½ tsp (2 mL) Chinese five-spice powder. Sprinkle over 2 sliced chicken breast fillets and pan-fry until cooked through. Serve with a salad of fresh coriander, mint, cucumber slices and bean sprouts. →

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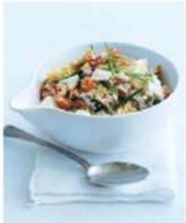
Our in-house wine expert, Konrad Ejbich, selects an ideal match for your dinner tonight



lemon + parsley fish

PAIRING The combined flavours in this dish are subtle, so a wine must also provide gentle, insinuated lemon flavours to complement the fish without overpowering it. A lighter Pinot Grigio like those from northern Italy suits best. **KONRAD'S PICK** Ogio Pinot Grigio 2008, Italy, $9





vegetable + couscous salad

PAIRING Although pepper, artichoke and chives sing the high notes, the eggplant and mushrooms set the tone with their earthy flavours. A rustic red from a Mediterranean hillside meets this challenge and also tames the sharpness of the feta cheese. **KONRAD'S PICK** Kourtakis Kouros Nemea 2006, Greece, $12





chili beef noodles

PAIRING Chili, lime and soy flavours banish all thoughts of delicate or subtle wines. Look for a red with bold, berry aromas to complement the rich flavours of the stir-fry, and soft, fleshy texture to put out the fire in the swallow. **KONRAD'S PICK** Trapiche Reserve Malbec 2007, Argentina, $12





mint lamb

PAIRING The British tradition of serving roast lamb and mint sauce with bottles of Bordeaux remains a classic. Any Cabernet-Merlot blend will do just fine for these chops, but as the percentage of Merlot increases, the texture becomes more supple. **KONRAD'S PICK** Calvet Reserve Red 2005, France, $14





salt + pepper chicken

PAIRING Chicken breast calls for a white wine - ideally with ripe, slightly tropical fruit flavours and a plump, unoaked mouth feel to de-emphasize any dryness in the meat. Cool-climate Chardonnay is good, Chardonnay Musqué is better, and Viognier is best! **KONRAD'S PICK** Cono Sur Visión Viognier 2008, Chile, $15



FOOD PHOTOGRAPHY WILLIAM MEPPEM



homes

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LIVING ROOM Hits of cool blue and a rich mix of textures enliven the crisp tone-on-tone palette. The painting by Douglas Walker provides a dramatic focal point.

DESIGN Peter Wilds thecrossdesign.com. **PAINT** (walls, main floor) Pure White OC-64 benjaminmoore.ca. **SOFA** montauksofa.com. **TABLE** bravura-interiors.com. **STOOL** thecrossdesign.com. **ARTWORK** *Untitled #792* by Douglas Walker kostuikgallery.com.



mix MASTERS

The success of Amir and Laura Neyestani's family home is in the playful blend of modern classics and flirty embellishments

WORDS CHRISTINA SYMONS | **PHOTOGRAPHY** JANIS NICOLAY



STYLING HEATHER CAMERON

EXTERIOR The home's architecture respects the heritage of Vancouver's vibrant Kitsilano neighbourhood, but the design of the interior celebrates the area's hip, contemporary side.

CONSTRUCTION gordwestover.com. **PAINT** (shingles) Deep Space 2125-20 benjaminmoore.ca. →

"Our home is definitely modern and glamorous, but we also wanted it to be fun and livable"

AMIR NEYESTANI, OWNER



Amir and Laura Neyestani built their home just over a year and a half ago, in keeping with the character of Vancouver's eclectic Kitsilano locale. "We wanted a home that reflected the architecture of the neighbourhood, which is somewhat Arts and Crafts in style, but with a modern, open-plan interior," says Amir. But when it came time to dress the space, they went back to their old Yaletown neighbourhood and a favourite boutique – The Cross. Liking everything they saw, they ultimately hired one of the shop's lead designers, Peter Wilds, to help merge their two distinct styles.

"I'm a bit of a modernist at heart, but I also have this irresistible urge for the ornate," says Peter. "Both Amir and Laura had very specific ideas, and each wanted the other to be happy, so the challenge was simply to marry the best of both worlds in terms of what they loved."

Beyond that small task, the goal of making the north-facing house bright, livable and unpretentious was paramount. →

LIGHT TOUCH Keeping the interior bright was key. The windows in the stairwell, the reflective surfaces that amplify natural light and the cream-colour diamond-pattern rug (a steal marked down to $1,500 from $5,000) all play a part.

ARMCHAIRS, RESIN TABLE, CABINET, LAMP, CUSHIONS, THROW, TRAY thecrossdesign.com. **RUG** eastindiacarpets.com.



DINING ROOM Midcentury sleek meets traditional chic in the pairing of a Saarinen table and ballroom-style chairs. A crystal chandelier and ornate mirror round out the glam vignette.

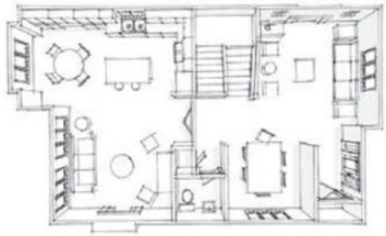
TABLE theofficeresource.com. **CHAIRS** grange.fr. **CHANDELIER, MIRROR, VASES, DRAPES** thecrossdesign.com.



"We would never want our space to feel cold or too fancy"

LAURA NEYESTANI, OWNER





875 SQ. FT.
MAIN FLOOR

No room is off limits to the children, and individual pieces were chosen for longevity, durability and comfort. "We want to use all of our space," says Amir. "Elements of the design can't be so over the top that we can't use the rooms." The couple entertains in the open-concept kitchen and family room, spilling into the more formal living and dining areas when desired. Within the framework of the modern layout and bright white palette, colourful details like plush faux fur pillows and eye-catching art make striking statements.

"At first, I wanted the whole house to be pretty and frilly, but then Amir and Peter convinced me that we had to mix it up with modern," says Laura. "In the end, it looks much more interesting than just doing it in one style or the other." →

FAMILY ROOM Connecting to an open kitchen, the cheerful space is a hangout for Laura Neyestani and daughters Chloe, 3, and six-month-old Charlotte. The chocolate leather sofa is one of only two items the couple brought from their former home.

SOFA restorationhardware.com. **COCKTAIL TABLE, RUG, BUFFET, CUSHIONS, THROWS** thecrossdesign.com. **FLOOR LAMP** Glo-ball, **TABLE LAMP** Foscarini Gregg livingspace.com. **ARTWORK** *Maybe It's the Perfect Day* by Darlene Cole bau-xi.com.

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"I want rooms to be beautiful, but they also need a bit



of an edge – something modern, relevant and sexy" PETER WILDS, DESIGNER



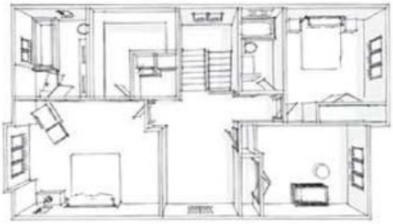
KITCHEN "We entertain a lot, and the kitchen is a convenient space for that," says Amir Neyestani. "The large island is great for potlucks."

CABINETRY DESIGN gordwestover.com. **CONSTRUCTION** nickelscabinets.com. **INSTALLATION** armadio.ca. **RANGE** wolfappliance.com. **FRIDGE** subzero.com. **TABLE** bombastfurniture.com. **CHAIRS** informinteriors.com. **LAMP** Flos Skygarden livingspace.com. **ARTWORK** Patricia Larsen thecrossdesign.com. →



MASTER BEDROOM Soft hues of burgundy and camel lend the room a tranquil air. "It's a balance of our two styles – pretty plus modern," says Laura.

LAMP, CHANDELIER, TABLE, MIRROR, DRAPES, BED LINENS, THROW, CUSHIONS thecrossdesign.com. **PAINT** (walls) Heaven 2118-70 benjaminmoore.ca.



990 SQ. FT.
UPPER FLOOR

"I pushed for all the pretty elements, like the crystal doorknobs and the chandeliers"

LAURA NEYESTANI, OWNER

A FINE BALANCE

Homeowners Laura and Amir Neyestani share the inside scoop on their interior.

What inspired you?
AMIR The traditional style of our Kitsilano neighbourhood and the eclectic collection at The Cross.

What are your fave finds?
LAURA The pendant hanging above the kitchen table. Inside the glossy dome is a relief pattern of a garden. **AMIR** The midcentury modern Saarinen table in the dining room.

How did you choose art?
AMIR We had several paintings in mind for our family room, but our daughter Chloe made the final choice. She picked a painting with four girls, each holding a cushion with a cupcake.

What was your worthiest splurge?
LAURA A gourmet Wolf range and custom built-in kitchen cabinetry. There's so much storage space.



NURSERY "We were in the early stages of making this a guest room when Laura and Amir announced they were having another baby," says designer Peter Wilds, "so we turned it into a nursery." The custom cherry blossom wall decal can easily be changed.

DECAL surfacecollective.com. **CRIB** nurseryworks.net. **THROW, RUG, CHANDELIER** thecrossdesign.com. **PAINT** (walls) Patriotic White 2135-70 benjaminmoore.ca.



FAMILY ROOM To complement this neutral palette, homeowner and interior designer Tara Fingold added rich, handsome wood tones. An industrial-grade rug and heavy-duty cotton upholstery are attractive yet practical, family-friendly materials.

DOORS & WINDOWS THROUGHOUT Lynco Building Products 416-789-7147. **PAINT** (wall) Wheeling Neutral HC-92 benjaminmoore.ca. **DESIGN, COFFEE TABLE** tarafingold.com. **CHAIR FABRIC** Louvois, through designers, primavera.ca. **DRAPERY HARDWARE** steptoewife.com.

winning COMBINATION

The right blend of versatile pieces, touches of luxury and a bit of fun makes this space work for both family time and entertaining

WORDS CHRISTY WRIGHT | **PHOTOGRAPHY** DONNA GRIFFITH



Interior designer Tara Fingold has a knack for combining formal flair with casual comfort. She put her talents to work on a Toronto house with "no charm but lots of potential," which she and her husband, Michael, bought eight years ago. By eliminating some walls and adopting a mostly open-concept floor plan, they blurred the boundaries between the kitchen, eating and living areas. The result? A family-friendly home that's perfect for the couple and their two young children, not to mention a stream of guests. Find out how Tara did it.

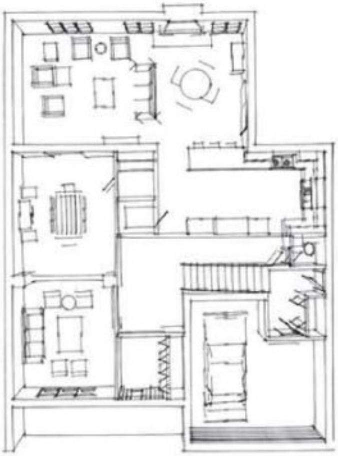
BREAKFAST ROOM Choose versatile pieces for an open-concept space. For this casual eating area, Tara upholstered the chairs in a faux leather that's the same colour as the dining room chairs, so they can be moved during parties. The wicker chest and outdoor chandelier maintain the relaxed feel.

PAINT (wall) Wheeling Neutral HC-92 benjaminmoore.ca. **CHAIRS, TABLE, DRAPERY, CHANDELIER** tarafingold.com. **CHAIR FABRIC** Genslar, through designers, kravetcanada.com. **CHEST** Decorum Decorative Finds 416-966-6829. **ARTWORK** David Gillanders artinteriors.ca. **VASES** J.W. Humphries Antiques 705-324-2985. →

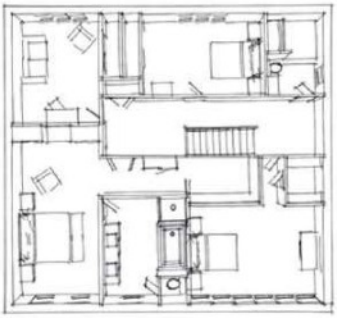


LIVING ROOM Don't be afraid to have fun in a formal space. Here, the playful Philippe Starck Louis Ghost chair works because the shape is similar to that of the upholstered chairs. For a hit of sparkle and to pick up on the nailhead detail, Tara used metallic accents, like a silver tray and floor lamp.

PAINT (walls) Stony Ground 211 farrow-ball.com. **GHOST CHAIR** kartell.com. **SOFA, ARMCHAIRS, DRAPERY, COFFEE TABLE** tarafingold.com. **SOFA FABRIC** through designers, bilbroughs.com. **CHAIR FABRIC** Kravet 29505-66, through designers, kravetcanada.com. **RUG** Thomas O'Brien Corsaro Ocean dominionrug.com.



1,650 SQ. FT.
MAIN FLOOR



1,500 SQ. FT.
SECOND FLOOR

"My priority was to have great flow – a house that revolved around the kitchen without being too obvious about it" TARA FINGOLD, OWNER



KITCHEN Dark wood flooring, white painted cabinetry, limestone counters and stainless steel appliances add up to a classic look. A fan of open plans but not visible messes, Tara (right) has a simple fix: "The sink is deep enough to keep pots and pans out of view, and an extra dishwasher holds the overflow, so counters stay clear."

CABINETRY kgakitchens.com. **RANGE** wolfappliance.com. **STOOLS** tarafingold.com. →

ILLUSTRATIONS SCOTT ROGERS

DRESSING ROOM Indulge in a little luxury with a striking wallpaper, like Osborne & Little's Sakura, which Tara describes as "more atmospheric than paint." And don't overlook the details: here, a bevelled-edge marble top and polished-metal knobs dress up a maple console.

WALLPAPER through designers, primavera.ca. **VANITY** tarafingold.com. **COUNTERTOP** foresthillmarble.com. **KNOBS** restorationhardware.com. **SCONCES** greatlighting.com. **MIRROR** postersinternational.com. **CARPET** dominionrug.com.



INVEST IN THE BEST

Owner Tara Fingold's top 10 classic choices.

1 White kitchen cabinetry with Shaker-style doors can easily be dressed up with hardware and colourful accessories.

2 Wool sisal rugs are durable and transitional.

3 A William Birch-style sofa has a classic arm (like the chairs on page 96) and is perfect for lounging or sitting.

4 A coach lantern provides pared-down elegance.

5 An antique Louis-Philippe dresser works in many spaces as storage.

6 An upholstered headboard is comfy and simple to reupholster when you want to change the look.

7 Sterling silver brings glamour to every room.

8 Silk drapery has a luxe ball gown feel.

9 Limestone countertops lend texture and dimension.

10 French doors allow for a gracious flow when entertaining.

MASTER BEDROOM Tara added pattern to this neutral zone through carpeting, bedding and furniture. To emphasize the room's airy feel and draw the eye upward, she had the ceiling raised and covered with tongue-and-groove panelling applied upside down.

PAINT (walls) Skyline Steel 1015 sherwinwilliams.com. **HEADBOARD FABRIC** Inlay, through designers, kravetcanada.com. **BENCH, DRAPERY** tarafingold.com. **BED LINENS** aulitfinelinens.com.



"I wanted to create a luxurious, calming room where I could relax at the end of the day"

TARA FINGOLD, OWNER

SMALL SPACE OF THE MONTH

2-storey open-concept flat

the space The basement and ground-level unit of a century-old townhouse in the hip east-end Toronto neighbourhood of Leslieville.

who lives here Designers Malcolm Patterson and Rodney Smith, whose work encompasses everything from mega-mansions to photo shoots.



LIVING AREA Graphic lines and strong accents give a small space big presence. The vintage chair was an antique-market find. It took homeowners Rodney Smith and Malcolm Patterson about five years to find the right fabric to re-cover it.

ARTWORK (above fireplace) Nicholas Sinclair dudeman.ca. **CHAIR FABRIC** through designers, robertallen.com. **CHAIR UPHOLSTERY** rewrap.ca. **OTTOMAN** avenue-road.com. **LAMP** roselandgallery.com.



personality

WORDS LUCIE GRYS
PHOTOGRAPHY EVAN DION

ENTRANCE Everyone needs a chair when putting on boots or shoes. Malcolm and Rodney were drawn to the humour in this artwork. Viewed up close, the oversize piece is pointillistic; it's only when you stand back that the image reveals itself.

CHAIR klausn.com. **ARTWORK** *Urban e-scape 53* by Dionne Simpson artinteriors.com. →



Malcolm Patterson and Rodney Smith know a thing or two about style. As design aficionados who work with private clients, dress windows for top retailers and contribute their expertise to TV shows (you can see Malcolm's work on HGTV's *Pure Design*, hosted by *Style at Home* contributing design editor Samantha Pynn), these guys have the inside scoop on where to shop – and how to pull it all together. They've embraced their own open-concept small space and created a mood of high style while maintaining the comforts of home. Carefully pairing luxe elements with some real deals from the local antique market brings an eclectic feel to their space.

As designers, they're always tempted to bring home some of their latest and greatest finds. "We're surrounded by the newest and hottest things all the time," says Malcolm. "One moment we love something, then a few months later we see it over and over again and move on to something else. That's a good reason to invest in classic items." The secret to not ending up with a

DINING AREA Create balanced tension with a mix of soft and hard lines. For sculptural interest, the oval table is paired with the iconic Cord Chair, designed by Canadian Jacques Guillon in 1953. Custom drapery and layered rugs add comfort and warmth.

DINING TABLE industrialstorm.com. **BOOKSHELF** dwr.com. **CANDELABRA** klausn.com. **CHINA** hermes.com. **ARTWORK** rafaelgoldchain.com.

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Malcolm Patterson and Rodney Smith painted an old photographer's stand they found at a flea market, then suspended three bulbs from it.

SOFA ikea.ca. **CUSHION FABRIC** through designers, robertallen.com. **DRAPERY FABRIC** threadcountinc.com. **SEWING** Luxe 416-463-0215. **STOOL** kiondo.com.

PACKED WITH STYLE Rodney sourced and painted the vintage suitcases for a window he was dressing and took them home when the display was dismantled.

ARTWORK *Burnt Offering* by Russell Brohier artinteriors.ca. **CHAIR** avenue-road.com.







"In open-concept living, every piece counts"

MALCOLM PATTERSON, OWNER

KITCHEN The cabinetry blends into the exposed brick, making the space look less like a kitchen and more like an entertaining hot spot that flows with the rest of the home. "The mirror just ended up there when we moved in," says Rodney. But it tricks the eye by visually expanding the small space.

CABINETRY, MIRROR ikea.ca. **BAR STOOLS** avenue-road.com.



LIVING LARGE

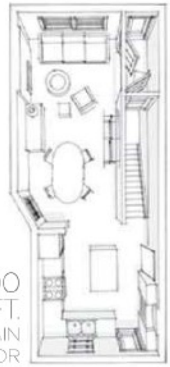
Rodney Smith (left) & Malcolm Patterson's small-space secrets.

What's your design philosophy?
MALCOLM Never compromise; keep hunting until you find the perfect item. Stick with classic, timeless looks.

How do you set the mood?
MALCOLM We make sure our home feels calm, warm and inviting. We insist on putting dimmer switches on everything.

How do you maximize space when entertaining?
RODNEY We use the kitchen island as a bar, which frees up the dining table for eating. If we have more than six people over, the dining table becomes the hors d'oeuvres table. The trick is keeping the flow going.

What do you tell clients who live in a small space?
MALCOLM You don't need to buy small things. A larger sofa will carry your eye farther, giving the illusion of a bigger space. The same goes for drapery. Don't just cover the window – do the entire wall.



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cluttered home, they say, is learning how to edit. "We're not necessarily minimalists, but we've reached a good compromise," says Rodney. "Our space is more curated than decorated."

While being disciplined about clutter is a necessity, they both admit they wouldn't mind one extra room for an office/work area, where they could make a mess and just shut the door. When asked how else they'd change their space, they both jokingly say, "Push back the walls!" In truth, it's more wall space that they really crave, to accommodate their shared passion for collecting and commissioning art – like the piece over the fireplace by graphic-turned-graffiti artist Nicholas Sinclair.

Living in a fabulously styled small space in a neighbourhood that's evolving into a mecca for designers, foodies and art lovers is an ideal combination for Malcolm and Rodney. While their place might be carefully thought out, each has added his own personality. "Your home should be a reflection of who you are," says Malcolm. They've never regretted splurging on a big-ticket item, nor are they too shy to boast about an amazing deal. Everything in their home has a story waiting to be told. @

ILLUSTRATIONS SCOTT ROGERS



BEDROOM Dark enveloping walls – perfect for cocooning in a basement – and oversize lamps frame the teak bed, topped with a blue Hermès throw for a luxe touch. Glowing cubes add form and function: they're both bedside tables and lighting.

PAINT (walls) Railings 31 farrow-ball.com. **LAMPS** artemide.ca. **CUBE** dwr.com. **CUSHIONS** through designers, robertallendesign.com. **BEDDING FABRIC** threadcountinc.com. **SEWING** Luxe 416-463-0215.



"Some of our best pieces have been complete surprises and happenstance"

RODNEY SMITH, OWNER

BATHROOM "Our bathroom is so big you could park a Mini in it!" says Malcolm. The vanity, a repurposed stereo cabinet found at an antique sale, provides storage and is a great conversation piece. Sculptural sago palms make a style statement.

PAINT Railings 31 farrow-ball.com. **STOOL** avenue-road.com. **TOWELS** aulitfinelinens.com. **PALMS, VASE** teatroverde.com.



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- Screwdriver or cordless drill
- Measuring tape
- Pencil
- Laser level

HOW-TO

1 Use laser level, measuring tape and pencil to mark ceiling in four places that correspond with four corners of bed.

2 Screw drapery rod brackets into ceiling 2" beyond each corner of bed. Screw three more ceiling brackets into ceiling: one at centrepoint of each long side and one at centrepoint of foot of bed. (If hanging heavy fabric panels, use longer screws and toggle bolts, which are more heavy-duty than those provided with ceiling brackets.)

3 Remove finials from rods; discard. Slide rod through middle bracket of long side; add 10 clip rings to wall end and 5 clip rings to foot-of-bed end, then extend rod into other brackets. Repeat with other long side rod. For foot of bed, slide rod through middle bracket; add five clips to either end, then extend into other brackets. Use flexible corner brackets to join end rod to side rods at foot of bed.

4 Clip on drapery panels; steam to remove any creases.



TIPS • IF READY-MADE DRAPERY PANELS AREN'T LONG ENOUGH TO TOUCH FLOOR, HAVE TAILOR OR DRY CLEANER SEW CONTRASTING FABRIC PANELS ALONG BOTTOM EDGES TO LENGTHEN THEM. • CHANGE OUT YOUR FABRIC PANELS SEASONALLY. USE SHEER LINEN OR COTTON FOR SPRING/SUMMER AND VELVET OR WOOL FOR FALL/WINTER.

DRAPERY HARDWARE Levolor universal brackets $18 per pair, Versailles Home Fashions extendable rod sets $39 each, adjustable corner bay window brackets $20 per pair, 1" clip rings $16 per pack of 10 homedepot.ca.

WORDS MARGOT AUSTIN. PHOTOGRAPHY PAUL CHMIELOWIEC

rooms we love FROM P 34

tailored touch

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1 POLKA-DOTS 9 mm $6.30 Mokuba 416-504-5358.
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6 JUMBO RICKRACK $2.50 fabricland.ca.
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TIPS • BEFORE SEWING ON ANY TRIM, WASH AND DRY IT AS YOU WOULD LAUNDER FINISHED SHEET. • CHOOSE TRIM THAT FEELS SOFT AND WON'T GET DAMAGED DURING YOUR SLUMBER. • NO SEWING MACHINE? ASK A TAILOR OR YOUR DRY CLEANER TO SEW ON TRIM. →


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PATTERN PLAY Iris Ceramica Miraggio Antico: decorative effect of wallpaper; practicality of ceramics. $11.70/sq. ft. savoia.com.



WHITE TEXTURE Ascot Absolute White Wave matte: soothing overall pattern; no colour commitment. $5/sq. ft. stone-tile.com.



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style news FROM P 22

tile tableaux

The tale of two sisters who turned humble tile into artful treasures.



Paula Funt and Rebecca Dennis of Toronto's Mosaicwares

"My mother-in-law sent me a wrought-iron table that had great legs but needed a new top," says Rebecca Dennis. "I had leftover tiles and broke them up to make a pattern on the top." After being asked by friends and family to replicate that makeover, Rebecca knew she was on to something and launched the *pique assiette* studio Mosaicwares in Toronto with sister Paula Funt. From a humble start crafting one-of-a-kind wonders in Rebecca's garage to showcasing them in the glitzy showrooms of Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue, the duo have managed to maintain their hallmark of haute handicraft. And now Rebecca says the two are excited to take their artistry in new directions. "We've started building architectural applications for walls, backsplashes and furniture inlays." mosaicwares.com

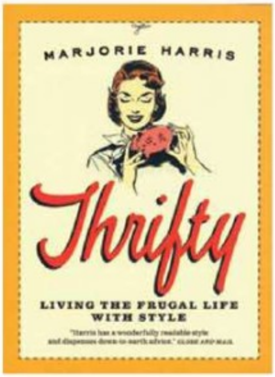
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The TV cabinet in "Double-Duty Living" in our January 2010 issue (p 39) was painted by Homestead House Paint Company using a custom milk paint. For paint info and to order, see homesteadhouse.ca. →



home library
on our must-read list



THRIFTY: LIVING THE FRUGAL LIFE WITH STYLE by Marjorie Harris, $20, Anansi, paperback. Well-known garden guru Harris shares tips for living well on less – at home and abroad. Includes savvy stories from friends like journalist Stevie Cameron.

TIP PULL YOUR FRIDGE A FEW INCHES AWAY FROM THE WALL SO IT USES ELECTRICITY MORE EFFICIENTLY.



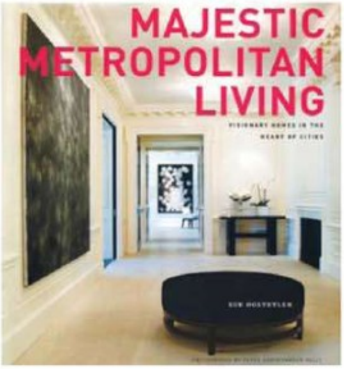
STENCIL 101 DECOR by Ed Roth, $30, Chronicle, paperback. Contains all the step-by-step instructions you need to turn any blank canvas – from walls to furniture – into a work of art. Ten reusable oversize stencils are designed to impress by creating a modern wallpaper effect.

FACT THE BEAUTY OF STENCILLING IS THAT ANYONE CAN DO IT.



CREATING A HOME by Kathryn M. Ireland, $48, Gibbs Smith, hardcover. Chronicle of an incredible makeover of an adobe-style California estate by this decorator to the stars. Features before and after photos, Ireland's line of glorious textiles, and a detailed account of her decor decisions throughout.

TIP IN VERY SMALL DOSES, WIDE GROUT LINES CAN BE ARCHITECTURAL AND BOLD, BUT IN AN ENTIRE KITCHEN OR BATH, THEY CAN BE OVERPOWERING.



MAJESTIC METROPOLITAN LIVING by Sue Hostetler, $79, Potter, hardcover. Peek inside an L.A. warehouse, New York loft, Miami poolside condo, Chicago highrise and more. From ultramodern bachelor pad to eclectic family home or live/work space, all are superstylish.

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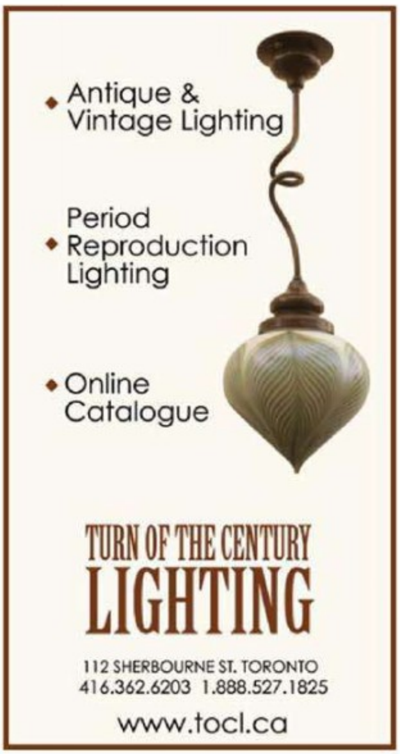

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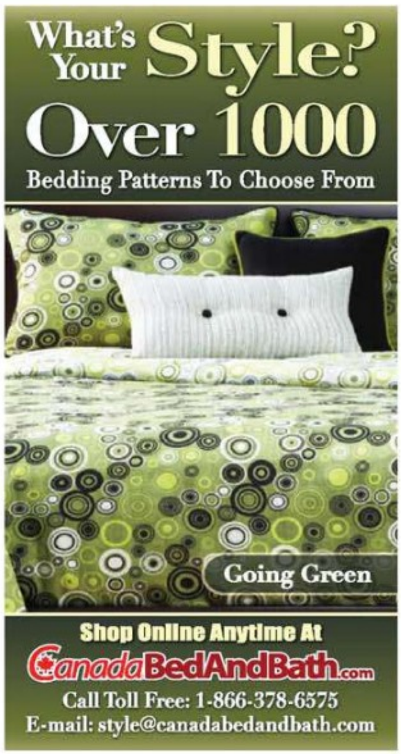

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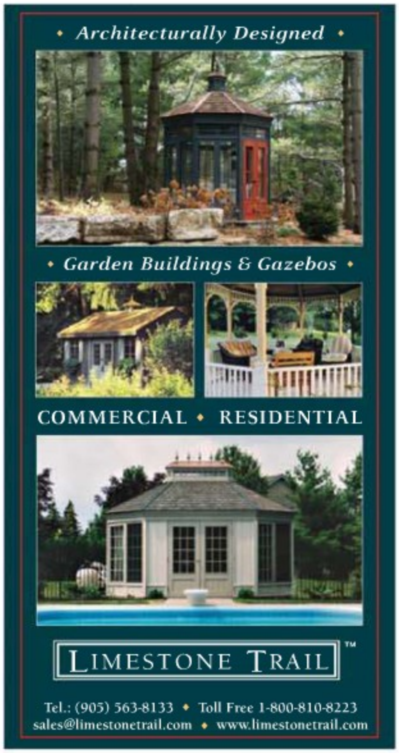

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ENVIRO CHIC

Renowned for his clean, contemporary designs, architect John Brown recently opened **Housebrand Design Store.** A reflection of his modern enviro-sensitive philosophy, the shop features a choice selection: pendant lighting by Bocci, seating from Italy's Arper and sectionals by Vancouver's Benson.

PENDANT Bocci $1,536 and **CHAIR** Vitra Antony $1,575, Housebrand Design Store, 202-2212 Fourth St. S.W., 403-229-4330; housebrand.ca.

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IN OUR ROLODEX

MILLWORK

WHO Josh Allen of **Tongue and Groove Fine Woodworking**

BEST FOR Contemporary and traditional furnishings, as well as kitchen cabinetry.

HIGHLIGHT A custom cherry-stain wall unit (left) with media and file storage.

THE 411 3-5019 11th St. S.E., 403-457-4498



gorgeous glass

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Circa Art Glass, 1226A Ninth Ave. S.E., 403-290-0145; circa5060.ca. →

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marking their territory

Boo Boo & Lefty owners Stephen Dixon and Wayne McLellan stand behind their philosophy of "gorgeous pieces for casually elegant living." Their two dogs are the inspiration not only for the shop's name but also for the comfortable, functional and dog-friendly designs they offer – from glam accessories to chic furniture.

Boo Boo and Lefty, 1198 Yonge St., 416-929-2223; boobooandlefty.com.



QUIRKY MISCELLANY

Building on the success of the Drake Hotel's first **Drake General Store** (at the hotel), owner Jeff Stober has stocked this new stand-alone location with fab designer items, Canadiana relics and goodies for the globetrotter.



BLANKETS Pendleton from $90 each, Drake General Store, 1011 Yonge St., 416-966-0553; drakegeneralstore.ca.



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FLOWERS

WHO Christopher Caterer, owner of the "big-glamour" lifestyle store **Artifacts**

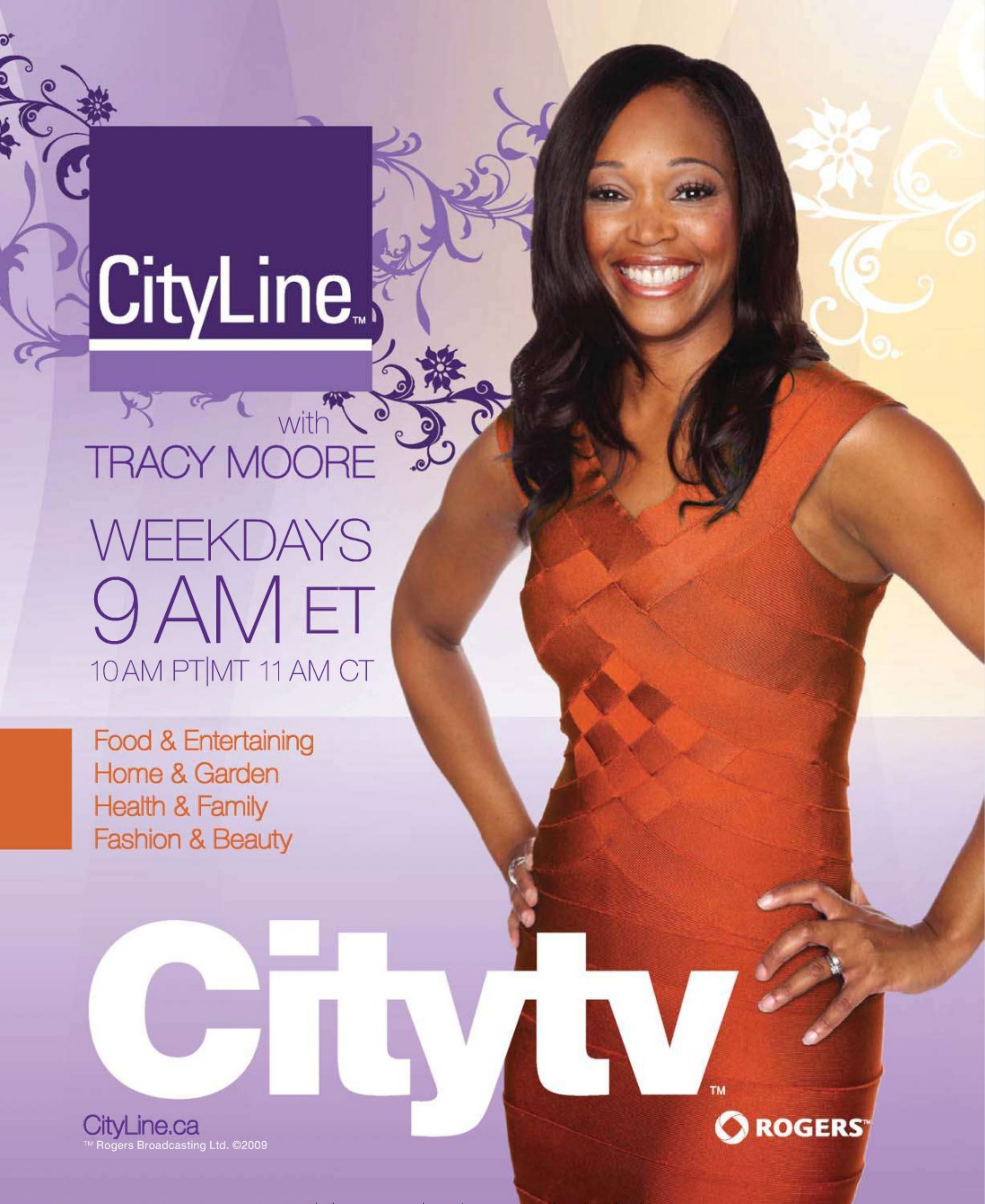
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HIGHLIGHT Silk florals, seasonal arrangements.

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